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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 57th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BOB DAVIES**, on February 16, 2001 at
9:00 A.M., in Room 317-B Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Davies, Chairman (R)
Sen. Jack Wells, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. John Brueggeman (R)
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)
Sen. Bea McCarthy (D)
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Greg DeWitt, Legislative Branch
Mary Beth Linder, OBPP
Cyndie Lockett, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: Department of Revenue,
2/16/2001
Executive Action: Department of Revenue

Chairman Davies asked **Mary Beth Linder, Office of Budget & Program Planning** to explain her handouts. **Mrs. Linder** explained that she made an error. **Chuck Swysgood, Director of Office of Budget & Program Planning** proposed a \$2.7 Million supplemental appropriation on Wednesday Feb. 14, 2001, and a plan to mitigate the impact to the ending fund balance.

EXHIBIT (jgh39a01), EXHIBIT (jgh39a02) **Mrs. Linder** said that she went through her working papers to approve different positions in the budget. She said turn to the second page of **Mr. Swysgood's** letter and there is \$197,000 crossed out and it is crossed out because it was already counted in the Martz's budget. Because it was already counted the Department of Revenue needed to come up with \$197,000 more reductions so they chose to take an additional reduction in their leased vehicle request (DP 2-Program 8).

Chairman Davies says they need to vote on the change of intentions with this information that has been restated.

Sen. Wells asked for clarification on what **Mrs. Linder** is doing or trying to say. **Mrs. Linder** explained the process to **Sen. Wells**.

Mr. DeWitt said that the reason the subcommittee needs to vote is because of the intent and what the subcommittee is doing is further reducing the DP associated with the lease vehicles in DP 2 of program 8.

Sen. Wells wanted to look at DP 2 in program 8. **Mr. DeWitt** helped get **Sen. Wells** to the right page so he could look at it.

Sen. Wells asked the Department of Revenue to explain the impact of this decision. **Kurt Alme, Director Department of Revenue**, responded that this was not a good option for his department. He said that these cars have over 100,000 miles and have maintenance records. But there was no other option. They doubled counted \$197,000 and they needed to come up with an additional \$197,000 reduction. The department met and took a hard look at their chooses and this is what they came up with as the most palatable.

Motion: SEN. WELLS moved to reconsider the subcommittee actions on DP 2 on February 14, 2001, and to reduce present law DP 2 by \$197,000 for the biennium.

Vote: The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Davies asked if **Mr. Alme** had any more information to share with the subcommittee at this time.

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Mr. Alme spoke about their meetings with UNISYS representatives and how UNISYS is working on proposals. This should be done no later than Monday. **Chairman Davies** asked if there was any advance word on what the out come of POINTS proposals will be. **Mr. Alme** said they are proposing to keep the same deadline of September for the property tax module. That would have additional costs and potential performance & liability issues associated with it due to a compressed schedule. They also talked about options that would delay the property tax module into the future. UNISYS's proposals are to outline specifically what they are proposing. **Chairman Davies** asked about POINTS phase 1. **Mr. Alme** replied that in the discussions with UNISYS, they asked UNISYS to provide additional assistance and they will address that in their proposals.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:30 A.M.

REP. BOB DAVIES, Chairman

CYNDIE LOCKETT, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (jgh39aad)